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*Inland Pacific Ballet to Hold Open Auditions For Children's Roles in *The Nutcracker**

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Young dancers at all levels of experience are encouraged to audition for this outstanding opportunity to perform with Inland Pacific Ballet's professional company. Auditions for all children's roles will be held on two consecutive Saturday afternoons on September 17 and 24 at the IPB studios in Montclair at 5050 Arrow Highway, between Central and Monte Vista.

Audition details, schedule, dress code requirements and fees are available online at www.ipballet.org or (909) 482-1590. Casting selections and rehearsal schedules will be announced by October 1, with rehearsals beginning on October 7.

As southern California's largest and most lavish production, IPB's enchanting interpretation of *The Nutcracker* has become a holiday tradition for thousands. Once again Inland Empire audiences can experience this spectacular Nutcracker at two of the Southland's most magnificent theaters, Bridges Auditorium in Claremont and the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga.

"Our Nutcracker production features more than 100 dancers on stage, and this year we'll need more than 120 children to fill out 3 different casts," states Artistic Director Victoria Koenig. "Last year there was a great turn out from the community and we're looking forward to seeing more new dancers from the region. IPB presents the most spectacular Nutcracker production in southern California. It is a transforming experience to be on these magnificent stages performing before an audience of 500 to 1,500 persons."

Inland Pacific Ballet will perform its spectacular 17th annual Nutcracker from December 3-18 at Bridges Auditorium in Claremont, and December 14-16 at Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga. "I'm hoping dancers from all schools and studios in the region will come to audition. Being part of this show gives young dancers real exposure to how a performance is put together from start to finish. In addition to performing they'll get to experience studio rehearsals, costume fittings, and the excitement backstage during a professional production.

Founded in 1994 by Southern California natives Victoria Koenig and Kevin Myers, the Inland Pacific Ballet has become one of southern California's cultural jewels. Its mission is to build and sustain a professional ballet company of national stature in the Inland Empire of Southern California, committed to producing exquisitely staged productions of full-length classic story ballets as well as presenting the best in contemporary choreography.

For additional information, visit www.ipballet.org or call Jill Voznick, Ballet Mistress at 909-482-1590.

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